

MYKONOS ACCESS · 2026 EDITION

The Ultimate Mykonos Luxury Guide

The beaches, the tables, the villas and the real prices — written by the concierge team that lives the island, for the guests who want it done properly.

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WELCOME

Your private key to the island

Mykonos rewards the people who arrive with a plan. The famous tables book out weeks ahead, the island has roughly thirty taxis, and the wind — not the forecast — decides which beach is having a perfect day. Everything in this guide exists to put you on the right side of those facts.

We are **Mykonos Access**, a villa rental and concierge service based on the island. This is not a brochure; it is the working knowledge we use for our own clients — where we actually eat, which coves we swim at, what the front row really costs, and the logistics that quietly make a week feel effortless.

Inside

- Where to stay — the areas that matter, and our honest pick
- Beaches, hidden coves and the sunset spots ranked by drama
- The beach club top 10 and the restaurant top 20, with real prices
- Nightlife, yacht days, Delos, and how to move around an island with 30 taxis
- A seven-day rhythm that works, and a one-page price cheat sheet

One message does it all. Every recommendation in this guide is something we can book for you — villa, boat, tables, driver — on WhatsApp: **+30 699 706 2346**

The island, at a glance

Fifteen minutes end to end, yet a dozen different moods: whitewashed lanes in Town, superyachts off Psarou, empty dirt-road coves in the north. Timing shapes everything here.

When to come

- **May & early June** — warm, calm, uncrowded; the connoisseur's window. Villas cost a fraction of August.
- **Late June - July** — everything open, energy rising, sea at its best.
- **August** — the full spectacle: peak glamour, peak prices, book everything weeks ahead.
- **September** — our favourite. Warm sea, soft light, the island exhales. October is a quiet, golden secret.

The meltemi — the wind that runs the island

A dry north wind that blows hardest in July and August. It is not bad weather — it is information. Windy day? The **south coast** (Psarou, Ornos, Platis Gialos) stays sheltered. Still day? Go **north** (Panormos, Agios Sostis, Fokos) — that's when the wild side is perfect. We re-plan clients' beach days around it constantly; the wind decides more Mykonos days than any itinerary does.

Three numbers worth knowing

- **~30** — taxis on the entire island. Pre-book your transfers; never count on hailing one.
- **10 min** — airport to Town, and to most villa areas. Nothing is far.
- **30 min** — boat ride to Delos, one of the great archaeological sites of the world.



WHERE TO STAY

The areas that matter

- **Ornos** — the great all-rounder: sheltered bay, family-friendly water, minutes from Town, superb villas in the hills.
- **Agios Ioannis** — sunset side, Delos views, calm and cinematic. Where the island shows off in the evening.
- **Agios Lazaros** — discreet, elevated, villa country; privacy with Psarou below.
- **Psarou & Platis Gialos** — beach-club life at your doorstep; the glamour axis.
- **Mykonos Town** — for first-timers who want the lanes, the bars and the buzz on foot. Livelier, less private.
- **Kalafatis / the east** — quieter, sportier, further from the scene — deliberately.

Our personal pick. The traditional VIP quarter of the island is the stretch of **Ornos, Agios Ioannis, Agios Lazaros and the Scorpis-Paraga side** — old-money hillsides with sunset and sea views, minutes from every hot spot. It's where we place clients who ask us to simply choose.

Why a villa at all

Hotels in Mykonos are excellent. But the way the island is best enjoyed — late breakfasts by your own pool, a chef cooking while the group gathers, a massage on the terrace, pre-dinner drinks with nobody else's playlist — belongs to the villa. Privacy here is not a luxury add-on; it is the point.

A villa gives you space no suite can match, a headquarters for a group, and moments hotels simply can't stage: a private chef building dinner in your kitchen, a masseuse arriving at golden hour, the endless blue from your own infinity edge with no one else in the frame.

What to look for

- **Location before size** — ten bedrooms mean little if every dinner is a 40-minute drive. The Ornos-Agios Lazaros arc keeps everything close.
- **Equal bedrooms** for groups — nobody wants the sofa bed in August.
- **Outdoor living** — the long table, the shaded lounge, the pool with the view: you will live outside.
- **Staffing options** — chef, housekeeping, driver on call. The difference between a house and a holiday.
- **Honest photography** — we visit the villas we list. Ask us what a listing doesn't show; we'll tell you.

How we work. Tell us dates, group and budget. We shortlist three houses we would actually book ourselves, with straight answers on each. One WhatsApp thread, one price, everything arranged.

Beaches 101 — south glamour, north wild

The south coast — the classics

- **Psarou** — the yacht-watching amphitheatre; home of Nammos. Glamour HQ.
- **Ornos** — sheltered, easy, family-perfect; calm water almost every day.
- **Platis Gialos** — long, organised, restaurant-lined; the dependable choice.
- **Paraga & Paradise** — small, scenic, party-adjacent (Scorprios and SantAnna live here).
- **Super Paradise** — beautiful, loud, legendary; commit to the energy.
- **Elia & Kalo Livadi** — the long golden easterly beaches; space, good tavernas, calmer luxury.
- **Agios Ioannis & Kapari** — the sunset-facing west; Delos on the horizon.

The north coast — the wild side

- **Panormos** — boho-chic with Principote; the stylish north anchor.
- **Agios Sostis** — undeveloped, no umbrellas, church on the hill, Kiki's at the top. Pure Cyclades.
- **Fokos & Mersini** — dirt-road twins with a farm taverna and almost nobody. Bring water, leave nothing.
- **Ftelia** — big-sky bay split between kite surfers and Alemagou loungers.

The rule: wind from the north → swim south. Still morning → drive north before everyone else thinks of it.

Hidden coves & the sunset shortlist

Where the locals actually swim

- **Kapari** — a five-minute scramble below Agios Ioannis; small, clear, sunset-facing.
- **Agios Sostis** — the north's barefoot classic; go before noon, lunch at Kiki's.
- **Fokos** — the end-of-the-road feeling that "Mykonos is over" people forget exists.
- **Mersini** — Fokos' even quieter neighbour.
- **By boat only** — the coves of **Rhenia**, turquoise and empty: the single best swimming day the region offers, and the reason to charter.

Sunsets, ranked by drama

- **1. Armenistis Lighthouse** — cliffs, wind, the sun dropping into open sea. Bring a jacket and someone you like.
- **2. A yacht's bow off the west coast** — the private version; golden hour with champagne and no crowd.
- **3. Little Venice** — the classic: waves hitting the bars' feet, glasses raised at the railings.
- **4. 180° Sunset Bar** — the elevated amphitheatre view over Town; arrive early, stay long.
- **5. Scorpions ritual** — sunset as ceremony, drums included.

Concierge move: we build "wild side days" — buggy or Land Rover, cooler packed, a taverna table held at Fokos, ending at the lighthouse for sunset. Ask for it exactly like that.



THE SCENE

The beach club top 10

CLUB	IN ONE LINE	FRONT ROW, AUG
1 • Scorpions Paraga	Boho-luxe ritual; the island's hardest booking	€200-400+
2 • Nammos Psarou	The glamour benchmark; superyachts at anchor	€300+
3 • Principote Panormos	Stylish north-coast pick when the south wind blows	€100-250
4 • SantAnna Paraga	Europe's biggest seawater pool; full party energy	€80-200
5 • Alemagou Ftelia	Barefoot boho; the least "scene" of the big names	€60-150
6 • Solymar Kalo Livadi	Polished daytime luxury that warms up by afternoon	€80-180
7 • Branco Platis Gialos	Chic, calm, easy Town access	€70-150
8 • Tropicana Paradise	The unapologetic party classic; tables by 5pm	entry-friendly
9 • JackieO' Super Paradise	Flamboyant sunset cabaret icon; everyone welcome	€60-150
10 • Kalua Paraga	Sunset DJ sets without Scorpions' waiting list	€50-120

Prices are peak-season minimum-spend guides for prime beds; second row is often half for 90% of the experience.
 Celebration day → Nammos/Scorpions · Party → SantAnna/Tropicana · Recovery → Alemagou/Branco/Solymar.



THE TABLES

Where to eat — the top 20

Showstoppers €120-250+

- **Nōema** — the island's most elegant evening
- **Zuma** — izakaya heavyweight, sea terrace
- **Interni** — candlelit garden glamour
- **Ling Ling** — Cantonese dim-sum-to-DJs
- **Beefbar** — the carnivore's answer

Seaside legends €80-200

- **Spilia** — lobster from the sea-cave pool
- **Scorpios** — share plates, sunset ritual
- **Nammos** — salt-crust sea bass & people-watching
- **Alemagou** — wild-coast seafood, barefoot
- **Principote** — superb raw bar, Panormos
- **Hippie Fish** — mellow, family-easy, Delos views

Our honest favourites €35-70

- **Kiki's Tavern** — no power, no bookings, legend. 12:30 sharp.
- **Limnios Tavern** — ask what the boat brought in
- **Apagio** — our go-to fish by the water, Ornos
- **Fokos Taverna** — farm cooking at the road's end
- **Joanna's Niko's Place** — sunset home cooking
- **Captain's** — mussels where the sea splashes the table

Town charmers €60-110

- **M-Eating** — refined Greek; the slow lamb
- **Funky Kitchen** — creative, consistently excellent
- **Kalita** — romance under the bougainvillea

The rhythm that works: one showstopper night, one long seaside lunch, tavernas in between. In July-August every table above needs a reservation — the famous ones, weeks ahead.



AFTER DARK

How the night works

Mykonos nights run on a rhythm: sunset cocktails (Little Venice or 180°), a late dinner — 10pm is normal — then Town's bars until the clubs make sense after 1am. Nobody peaks early here.

- **The bar crawl** — Little Venice railings at golden hour, then the lanes: cocktail rooms, dancing bars, music spilling into the streets until late.
- **The clubs** — big-name DJs rotate through Town and the beach clubs all summer; the afternoon beach party (SantAnna, Tropicana, Scorpions' sunset) is a Mykonos invention worth experiencing once.
- **Cavo Paradiso** — the open-air clifftop institution above Paradise; world-class line-ups, sunrise finishes.

Tables & real numbers

For groups over six, a reserved table is the only way the night stays together. Minimum spends run roughly €500-1,000 in Town and climb to several thousand at the marquee beach clubs on peak August nights — split across a group, it usually beats fighting the bar. Book the key nights **weeks ahead** in high season.

The 4am truth: taxis at closing time are a myth. A van with a driver on call is the single best money a group spends all trip.



ON THE WATER

The boat day — ask anyone, it's the highlight

A private charter is the day every group talks about afterwards: swim stops in Rhenia's turquoise coves, lunch on deck, your own music, golden hour from the bow. Catamarans suit groups (nets to sprawl on, stable, social); motor yachts trade space for speed and polish.

- **Half-day vs full-day** — full-day earns its price: Rhenia at lunch, Delos on the way, sunset on the return.
- **What's included** — skipper, fuel for the standard route, usually drinks and light food; we stock coolers to your list.
- **Split the maths** — shared 10-12 ways, a charter often costs less per head than the night's bar bill.

Delos — the sacred island next door

Thirty minutes away lies one of the great archaeological sites of the Mediterranean — the birthplace of Apollo, an entire ancient city open to the sky. Go early (first boat, before the heat), take the guided version — the stones need a storyteller — and pair it with a Rhenia swim on a private boat for the perfect civilised day. No shade on site; hats are not optional.

Book the boat for day two or three — never the last day. The highlight deserves better than a hangover and a flight.

Honeymoons, families, celebrations

The romantic island

Couples should sleep on the sunset side — Agios Ioannis, Kapari, the hills above Ornos. The proposal formula we stage most: a dressed terrace or a yacht's bow at golden hour, a photographer hidden in plain sight, champagne timed to the yes. Total secrecy is part of the service.

Mykonos with kids — yes, really

The family version of the island exists and it's excellent: shallow, sheltered **Ornos and Platis Gialos** mornings, a villa with a fenced pool as base camp, boat days kids remember forever, early tavernas where nobody minds the noise. Vetted babysitters turn two evenings into date nights — the parents' secret formula.

The party weekend, done properly

Three nights, one rhythm: arrival dinner in Town, the boat-day centrepiece rolling into a beach-club table, the big club night, and a chef brunch on the last morning to fix what the night did. The villa is the headquarters; the van with driver is the insurance policy. We build the whole machine — villa, boat, tables, driver — as one plan with one price.

Weddings & events: private estates, sunset ceremonies, chef-built dinners under the stars, guest logistics handled end-to-end. Proposals can be staged within days; weddings are best planned 3-12 months out.



LOGISTICS

Moving around an island with thirty taxis

- **Airport & port transfers** — pre-book, always. Your driver waits at arrivals, tracks the flight, and the queue becomes someone else's problem.
- **Private van with driver** — **our personal recommendation**, especially for groups: the safest and, split per head, the most economical way to move. Nights out, beach runs, dinner shuttles — one driver on call changes the whole trip.
- **Rent a car** — freedom for villa stays; small SUVs suit the ring road, convertibles suit the ego (kindly meant). Parking in Town is the only real enemy — park at the edge and walk in.
- **ATV / buggy** — the island's joy machines for beach-hopping the dirt roads; helmet on, sunscreen everywhere.
- **Water taxi** — the south-coast beach-hop that skips the roads entirely.

The honest hierarchy: transfers for arrivals, a driver for nights, wheels for daytime freedom. Book August mobility before you land — the good cars and the good drivers go first.

A week that works

DAY	THE RHYTHM
1 · Arrive	Transfer waiting, villa champagne, easy dinner in Town, first walk through the lanes.
2 · South	Psarou or Platis Gialos beach day; sunset at Little Venice; showstopper dinner (book this one first).
3 · Sea	The full-day charter: Rhenia swims, deck lunch, golden-hour return. The highlight, placed early on purpose.
4 · Slow	Chef breakfast, pool morning, massage on the terrace; long lunch at Spilia or Alemagou; taverna night.
5 · Wild north	Buggy day — Fokos, Agios Sostis, lunch at Kiki's or the farm taverna; sunset at the lighthouse.
6 · Culture & scene	Early Delos with a guide; afternoon beach-club table; the big night out — table booked, driver on call.
7 · Depart	Slow brunch, last swim, transfer timed to the minute. Leave wanting one more day — that's the sign it worked.

Swap freely — the meltemi may flip a beach day north or south — but keep the shape: **one anchor booking per day, air between them.** Over-scheduled weeks fall apart by Thursday.

The price cheat sheet

Peak-season guide figures, so nothing surprises you. May–June and September run meaningfully softer.

ITEM	GUIDE PRICE
Simple organised beach — two beds	€40–80
Famous beach club — prime beds (min. spend)	€100–400+
Taverna dinner, per person with wine	€35–70
Seaside restaurant lunch, per person	€80–200
Destination fine dining, per person	€120–250+
Private chef villa dinner, per guest + ingredients	€70–150
Night club table, minimum spend (Town)	€500–1,000
Marquee club table, peak August	€2,000+
Private airport transfer	from €70
Small car rental, per day (Aug)	€60–120
ATV / buggy, per day	€40–150
Full-day private catamaran, group	from €2,500
Delos guided visit, per person	€50–80

The quiet rule of Mykonos money: the expensive mistake is not the front-row bed — it's the unplanned week that pays walk-in prices for everything. Booked ahead, the same holiday simply costs less.

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One message. Everything arranged.

Villas, yachts, VIP tables, chefs, drivers and the moments in between —
planned by the team that lives the island. Tell us your dates; we'll do
the rest.

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